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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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GREGORY ASHTON ET AL.

Confirmation No. 9706

Serial No. 09/897,823

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Group Art Unit: 3751

Filed: 29 June 2001

Examiner: Amanda R. Flynn

For: DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT GARMENT HAVING HIGHLY EXTENSIBLE LEG OPENINGS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action of 20 September 2002, applicants hereby respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete and replace the designated paragraph with the replacement paragraph in clean form herewith submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(ii). The location of the paragraph to be deleted and replaced is identified on the page of the replacement paragraph in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(i). In addition, as required by 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii), this amendment is accompanied by another version of the replacement paragraph marked up to show the change relative to the previous version of the paragraph.